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Item 1. Opening of the eighth session

The eighth session of the Board will be opened by the President of the seventh session, Mr. O. Lonsmann Poulsen (Denmark).

Item 2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 also stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the eighth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States plus Yugoslavia in list A of Annex I to the Constitution, and the three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board from list D, from list C and from the African States in list A respectively. The office of the Rapporteur should be occupied by a representative of a member elected from list B.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the eighth session was adopted by the Board at its seventh session (IDB.7/Dec.27). In accordance with rule 12, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of four supplementary sub-items, namely sub-items 5 (g), 10 (b), 11 (j) and 11 (κ) and five supplementary items, namely items 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Supporting statements for their inclusion are provided in the present document under the respective supplementary items and sub-items. The provisional agenda with the proposed supplementary items and sub-items is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.8/1.

Item 4. Annual report of the Director-General for 1990 on the activities of the Organization

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization.

The Board will have before it the following documents:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1990 (IDB.8/10)
- List of resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme of relevance to UNIDO (conference room paper)

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request Members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report on the activities of the Organization. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

Item 5. UNIDO policies

(a) UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1990

At its sixth session, the Board adopted decision IDB.6/Dec.9 in which the Director-General was requested inter alia (a) to take all measures towards strengthening the Area Programmes as the focal point within the Organization on technical cooperation activities; (b) to prepare a report on the measures necessary to ensure that, in the execution of technical cooperation projects in developing countries, the expert component costs are kept at an optimum ratio in relation to training and equipment costs; and (c) to take appropriate measures to ensure that the annual list of technical cooperation projects to be submitted to the Board contain precise and up-to-date information, including additional information on global and interregional projects. The Director-General was also requested to submit a report on the implementation of the measures called for in that decision to the Board at its eighth session. By decision IDB.7/Dec.11, the Board at its seventh session also requested the Director-General to present an annual report on technical cooperation activities of UNIDO, containing a clear delineation of the budgetary phases of the execution of the technical cooperation projects within a clear and detailed execution frame.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1990 (IDB.8/10)

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- UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1990. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/16)

- List of technical cooperation projects approved and/or operational in 1990 (conference room paper IDB.8/CRP.1)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Conference at its third session, in resolution GC.3/Res.9, made a number of requests and recommendations aimed at strengthening economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (ECDC/TCDC) and requested the Director-General to submit to its fourth session, through the Board, a report on the activities undertaken by UNIDO in compliance with that resolution.

Subsequently, a report on UNIDO activities aimed at industrial cooperation among developing countries was presented to the Board at its sixth session in the Annual Report of UNIDO, 1989 (IDB.6/10, chap. IV, paras. 15-24) and its update (IDB.6/10/Add.1, paras. 12-25). On that occasion the Board, in decision IDB.6/Dec.11, requested the UNIDO Secretariat to continue its efforts to indentify opportunities for industrial cooperation among developing countries and to increase the use of experts, services and equipment from developing countries in the technical cooperation projects of UNIDO with the aim of meeting the goal expressed in Board decision IDB.4/Dec.15 that the share of the developing countries in the total contracts value and equipment purchases by the Organization should not be less than 25 per cent. The Board also urged the Director-General to continue to ensure a better flow of information on programmes for upgrading industrial capabilities in the developing countries through the full and effective operation of the TCDC Information Referral System of the United Nations Development Programme (INRES)-South database in UNIDO. The Board further requested the Director-General to present, through the Board, to the General Conference at its fourth session the regulatory framework for the ECDC/TCDC components of UNIDO programmes that the Conference, in its resolution GC.3/Res.9, had requested the Director-General to establish.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1990 (IDB.8/10, chap. IV, paras. 13-23)

- Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/29-GC.4/15)

- Regulatory framework for the ECDC/TCDC components of UNIDO programmes. Presented by the Director-General (IDB.8/13-GC.4/7)

(c) Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean

The General Conference at its third session, in resolution GC.3/Res.17, requested the Director-General inter alia to prepare a document on the Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean, including biennal programming activities by project, identification of existing and potential financing sources and the allocation of the resources obtained, in order to review and widen the portfolio of projects, in accordance with document IDB.5/CRP.12; and to submit to the Conference at its fourth session, through the Board, a comprehensive report on the Programme.

As requested in the same General Conference resolution, the Board considered the Regional Programme at its sixth session and adopted decision IDB.6/Dec.4 which addressed a number of requests to the Director-General. The Director-General was also requested to submit to the General Conference, through the Board at its eighth session, a full and detailed report on the execution of each of the measures requested in decision IDB.6/Dec.4.

The Board will have before it:

- The Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/25-GC.4/12)

(d) Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific

The General Conference in its resolution GC.3/Res.18 decided to approve the Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific and to take a number of measures related to its implementation. It also requested the Director-General, in implementing the programme of work contained in the regular budget for 1990-1991, to take into account the preparatory phase of the Special Programme.

As a follow-up to that resolution, the Special Programme was discussed at the sixth and seventh sessions of the Board, when the Director-General presented progress reports on the subject (IDB.6/8 and IDB.7/26, chap. I.B.). The Board requested the Director-General to report to the Conference at its fourth session on the implementation of the Special Programme and recommendations for follow-up action. In particular, information should be provided, through the Board, on UNIDO activities designed to intensify cooperation among the Member States, including the least developed countries in the region as well as information on the progress achieved in planning programmes in the priority areas outlined in paragraph 3 of Conference resolution GC.3/Res.18 and, in that context, also on the progress made in establishing a special account within the Industrial Development Fund for the purpose envisaged in paragraph (d) of Board decision IDB.5/Dec.23.

The Board will have before it:

- Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/26-GC.4/13)

(e) Development of human resources

The General Conference at its third session, in its resolution GC.3/Res.8, requested the Director-General to take a number of actions aimed at intensifying the human resources development activities of UNIDO, and to report on their implementation to the Conference at its fourth session. A first report on the subject was submitted to the Board at its seventh session (IDB.7/21).

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in the field of human resources development. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/17-GC.4/9)

(f) Transfer of technology

The General Conference, in its resolution GC.3/Res.7, requested the Director-General to continue to implement and enhance the programme for the development and transfer of technology contained in document IDB.3/26 as approved by the Conference in its resolution GC.2/Res.4. Furthermore, UNIDO should initiate, in consultation with the regional commissions and other relevant United Nations organizations and agencies, measures with a view to establishing regional associations of small-scale industrial enterprises and regional data banks and thus providing a forum for the exchange of information on various aspects of the development of entrepreneurial capabilities. The Director-General was also requested to present to the Conference at its fourth session through the Board a progress report on these issues. A first report on the subject was submitted to the Board at its seventh session (IDB.7/17 and Add.1).

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in the development and transfer of technology. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/24-GC.4/11)

(g) Energy programme

The Board at its seventh session, in decision IDB.7/Dec.14, paragraph (k) requested the Director-General to present to the policy-making organs for approval the energy programme proposed for the 1992-1993 biennium in the draft medium-term plan contained in document IDB.7/7. A revised version of the latter document (PBC.7/17) was submitted to the Programme and Budget Committee. In that connection, the Committee in its conclusion 1991/5, paragraph (f), further requested the Director-General to have informal consultations with Member States on the preparation of the energy programme mentioned in the revised draft medium-term plan (PBC.7/17) and to present that programme to the policy-making organs for approval.

The Director-General is therefore proposing the inclusion of this supplementary sub-item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO energy programme. Proposed by the Director-General (IDB.8/9)

Item 6. Industrial investment promotion

At the request of the General Conference, the Board at its sixth session had before it a progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of the actions called for in resolution GC.3/Res.19. On that occasion, the Board adopted decision IDB.6/Dec.15 in which it addressed further requests to the Director-General and invited him to report to the Board at its eighth session on the implementation of the actions called for in that decision. These actions included the submission as soon as possible of the study referred to in Conference resolution GC.3/Res.19 on the possibilities and different modalities for fostering regional investment promotion activities.

The Board at its fifth session had requested the Director-General to undertake in-depth evaluations of the important activities of the Organization, giving priority, among others, to industrial investment activities, namely (i) investment project identification and preparation and (ii) investment promotion projects including the Investment Promotion Services (IDB.5/Dec.12). The Director-General is also to develop a mechanism of follow-up of these activities within UNIDO bearing in mind the conclusions of the in-depth evaluation (IDB.5/Dec.9, para. (c) and GC.3/Res.19, para. 4).

The Board will have before it the following documents:

- Industrial investment promotion activities of UNIDO. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/18)

- Report on the evaluation of the industrial investment activities of UNIDO. Summary prepared by the Secretariat (conference room paper)

Item 7. UNIDO Country Director programme

The General Conference in resolution GC.3/Res.1 requested the Director-General to take urgent measures to increase the number of UNIDO Country Directors (UCDs) in developing countries especially in the African least developed countries, as well as to increase significantly the number of nationals from developing countries appointed as UCDs. It also requested the Director-General to consult with the Administrator of UNDP in order to continue for the next UNDP programming cycle the financing arrangements for the UCD programme and to consider increasing the financial resources for the programme with a view to ensuring substantial coverage of the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

Subsquently, the Board at its seventh session had before it proposals by the Director-General for a long-term financing scheme for the UCD programme (IDB.7/12). At that session, the Board in its decision IDB.7/Dec.19 reaffirmed that UNIDO field representation should remain fully integrated in the UNDP field offices, and that the system of sharing financing with UNDP of the UCD programme should be maintained. The Board also requested the Director-General to pursue his consultations with the Administrator of UNDP on the basis of having a progressive increase of UCD posts without adversely affecting the financing of the existing posts and to keep the Member States informed, on a continuous basis, of the progress of his consultations, and report to the Board at its eighth session thereon.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO Country Director programme. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/27)

Item 8. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Upon recommendation of the Board (decision IDB.5/Dec.7) and at the request of the General Conference at its third session (resolution GC.3/Res.10), the General Assembly of

the United Nations in its resolution 44/237 proclaimed the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA). In its resolution GC.3/Res.10, the Conference addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the formulation and implementation of programmes for the Second IDDA and also requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of that resolution through the Board to the Conference at its fourth session.

A progress report on the preparations for a programme for the Second IDDA was submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its seventh session (IDB.7/25). On that occasion, the Board in its decision IDB.7/Dec.16 requested further actions from the Director-General including a report on the implementation of the decision to the Board at its eighth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/23-GC.4/10)

Item 9. Technical assistance to the Palestinian people

At its third session, the General Conference, in its resolution GC.3/Res.13 addressed a number of requests to UNIDO concerning technical assistance to the Palestinian people. The Director-General was requested to report to the Board and to the Conference at its fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution. Such a report was submitted to the Board at its seventh session (IDB.7/16). The Board, in its decision IDB.7/Dec.17 called for further action aimed at sustaining and increasing UNIDO's assistance to the Palestinian people and requested the Director-General to report to the Conference at its fourth session and to the Board at its eighth session on progress made in the implementation of that decision.

The Board will have before it:

- Technical assistance to the Palestinian people. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/28-GC.4/14)

Item 10. Personnel Matters

In addition to sub-items (a) and (b) below, the Board will have to consider proposals for the text of staff regulations 6.8 (c) and 6.8 (d) related to the Tax Equalization Fund on which no consenses has yet been reached as well as on 6.8 (b). These proposals are submitted in the context of the financial regulations (see sub-item 11 (g) below).

Furthermore, the following document will draw the attention of the Board to action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session concerning issues related to the United Nations common system and the implications for UNIDO:

- Issues related to the United Nations commom system. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.8/35)

(a) Women in the Secretariat

At its fourth and fifth sessions, the Board considered the question of women in the Secretariat. In decision IDB.5/Dec.36, which was endorsed by the General Conference, the Board called for a number of actions to improve the status of women. The Director-General was also requested to implement the plan of action referred to in document IDB.5/26 and to report to the Conference and the Board at their next sessions on progress made in that respect. A report on the subject was submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its seventh session (IDB.7/29 and Corr.1). In its decision IDB.7/Dec.22, the Board requested the Director-General to take every opportunity offered by any restructuring, and reiterated the need to use redeployment as a means to redress the imbalance in the representation of women at the senior and decision-making levels. It also urged the Director-General to continue his efforts, in order to achieve to the extent possible an overall representation in the Professional category of 25 per cent women by 1993 and 30 per cent by 1995, taking into account Article 11.5 of the Constitution of UNIDO; and to report on the progress made in this respect to the Board and the Conference at their next sessions.

The Board will have before it:

- Women in the Secretariat. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/15-GC.4/8)

(b) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

By decision GC.1/Dec.37 the Conference accepted the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, and requested the Director-General to apply for membership for UNIDO in the Fund with effect from 1 January 1986. Subsequently, the Director-General concluded with the Secretary of the Board of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund the agreement foreseen in Article 3 (c) of the Regulations of the Fund, governing the conditions of admission to the Fund.

The Conference also established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee, and in its decision GC.3/Dec.28, elected the two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 1990-1991. The Board may wish to recommend to the Conference at its fourth session candidates for election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the years 1992 and 1993.

To enable the Board to present its recommendations to the General Conference, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary sub-item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it the following document:

- United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/20-GC.4/6)

Item 11. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative".

The report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its seventh session (IDB.8/19) contains the recommendations of the

Committee to the Board concerning sub-items 11 (a) to (k), as well as items 12, 17 and 18. The Committee decided to resume its seventh session on 27 June 1991 to consider further sub-item 11 (e) of the provisional agenda of the Board. The report on the resumed seventh session of the Committee will be issued as document IDB.8/19/Add.1.

(a) Scale of assessments

The General Conference at its fourth session will have to establish a scale of assessments for the years 1992-1993. Article 15.2 of the Constitution stipulates that the scale of assessments shall be based to the extent possible on the scale most recently employed by the United Nations and that no Member shall be assessed more than 25 per cent of the regular budget of the Organization.

As explained to the Programme and Budget Committee at its seventh session in document PBC.7/6, information on the United Nations scale for the calendar years 1992 to 1994 is not yet available. The Board will be informed of any new developments that may occur.

The recommendations of the Committee to the Board on the subject are contained in its conclusion 1991/7. The Committee also requested the Director-General to submit to the eighth session of the Board, through the resumed PBC session, a scale of assessments for regular budget expenditures for 1992-1993 calculated on the basis of the current membership of the Organization.

The Board will have before it:

- PBC conclusion 1991/7 on the scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses (IDB.8/19, para. 26)

- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 1992-1993. Note by the Director-General PBC.7/6/Add.1-IDB.8/4/Add.1)

(b) Interim financial performance report and programme performance report

Financial regulation 10.6 stipulates that, at the beginning of the second calendar year of each fiscal period, the Director-General shall submit to the PBC an interim financial report on significant financial developments that have affected the Organization during the first calendar year of the fiscal period concerned. In accordance with regulation 11.10, the report on the interim accounts shall be completed not later than by 1 June following the calendar year to which it relates. Furthermore, the PBC at its third resumed session of 29 June 1987 (conclusion 1987/19) requested the Director-General to submit each year to the Board through the Committee a clear and detailed financial performance report itemizing the utilization of financial resources, as well as a programme performance report describing the level of programme implementation. Subsequently, the Board at its seventh session (decision IDB.7/Dec.11), approved the incorporation of the programme performance report in the annual report, as proposed by the Director-General in document IDB.7/3/Add.1. As explained in that document, the programme performance report prepared for the 1988-1989 biennium (IDB.7/6) was the last of its kind. In the biennium 1990-1991, which is a transition period towards the new formats, the annual report would incorporate to a greater degree the qualitative analyses and statistical data contained in the performance report. This information would be supplemented by the financial statements, which would continue to be issued as a separate document. Therefore, an attempt has been made in the Annual Report, 1990 to ensure that the description of programme performance is closely related to the output citations in the programme budget.

The PBC at its seventh session did not make any recommendations to the Board on this item.

The Board will have before it:

- Interim financial performance report for the biennium 1990-1991. Submitted by the Director-General (PBC.7/16)

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1990 (IDB.8/10)

(c) Financial situation of UNIDO

The Director-General will provide the Board with the latest report on the financial situation of UNIDO.

The recommendations of the PBC on the subject are contained in its conclusion 1991/3, which also relates to sub-item 11 (d).

The Board will have before it:

- Status of assessed contributions paid and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and cash flow analysis for 1991 (as of 15 May 1991). Note by the Secretariat (IDB.8/36) to be updated immediately before the session

- PBC conclusion 1991/3 on the financial situation of UNIDO (including the use of unutilized balances of appropriations) (IDB.8/19, para. 14). See also sub-item 11 (d)

(d) Balances of appropriations for the biennium 1986-1987 resulting from the suspension of financial regulations 4.2 (b) and 4.2 (c)

Upon recommendation of the Board (IDB.4/Dec.26 (d)), the General Conference at its third session decided to suspend temporarily financial regulations 4.2 (b) and 4.2 (c) with respect to the 1986-1987 biennium to allow UNIDO to retain the unutilized balances of the appropriations for that biennium (GC.3/Dec.17). These financial regulations relate to the surrendering to Member States of the unencumbered balance of appropriations at the end of a fiscal period.

When addressing that recommendation to the Conference, the Board also requested the Director-General to report through the PBC to the Board at its next session on the use of these balances. Information on the subject was provided by the Director-General in chapter IV of the financial performance report for the biennium 1988-1989 (PBC.6/11-IDB.7/10). The Committee at its sixth session, having considered that information, recommended to its Chairman to conduct informal consultations to study the appropriate conditions for continued suspension of

financial regulations 4.2 (b) and 4.2 (c) allowing UNIDO to retain the 1986-1987 unutilized balance of appropriations in the context of the computerization programme (conclusion 1990/3). Subsequently, the Board, while taking note with appreciation of the report by the Chairman of the Committee, decided to defer consideration of the subject to its eighth session through the seventh session of the Committee.

In light of the financial situation, further proposals for the use of unutilized balances of appropriations for the biennium 1986-1987 were submitted by the Director-General to the Committee.

The recommendations of the PBC on the subject are contained in conclusion 1991/3 on the financial situation of UNIDO (sub-item 11 (c) above).

The Board will have before it:

- Use of unutilized balances of appropriations for the biennium 1986-1987. Proposals by the Director-General (PBC.7/15)

- PBC conclusion 1991/3 (see sub-item 11 (c) above)

(e) Programme and budgets, 1992-1993

In accordance with Articles 14.1 and 14.3 of the Constitution, the Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board through the PBC a draft programme of work for the following fiscal period, together with the corresponding estimates for those activities to be financed from the regular budget. The Director-General shall, at the same time, submit proposals and financial estimates for those activities to be financed from voluntary contributions to the Organization. The Board shall examine the proposals of the Director-General together with any recommendations of the Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget, with such modifications as it deems necessary, for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval. Such adoption shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

At its seventh session, the Board requested the Director-General to ensure that the prioritization of the thrust areas, for which the programme resources are proposed for the 1992-1993 budget, is in conformity with the priorities already approved for the medium-term plan, 1990-1995, in Conference resolution GC.3/Res.21 (decision IDB.7/Dec.14, para. (h)).

The proposals of the Director-General are contained in document IDB.8/8 and Corr.1 with explanations provided to the PBC in conference room papers PBC.7/CRP.6 and Corr.1, CRP.7, CRP.8, CRP.9 and CRP.11.

In its conclusion 1991/6, the PBC took note of major uncertainties in the budget, in the light of which it was unable at its seventh session in April 1991 to recommend to the Board for adoption the budget contained in IDB.8/8 and Corr.1, and requested the Director-General to revise accordingly his budget proposals for the 1992-1993 biennium. The PBC also decided to resume its seventh session on 27 June 1991 with the aim of resolving uncertainties in the light of information that would then be available.

At the same time, the PBC adopted two conclusions which are of relevance to the programme and budgets, 1992-1993. In its conclusion 1991/4, the PBC recommended to the Board for submission to the Conference the proposal that, for the 1992-1993 biennium, an amount representing 15 per cent from the total amount of the appropriations should be kept in reserve pending receipt from Member States of their assessed contributions. In its conclusion 1991/9, the PBC recommended to the Board that the appropriation approved for 1992-1993 be assessed in the proportions of 11 per cent in United States dollars of the appropriation expressed at US$1 = AS 12.90 and the balance in Austrian schillings (at which US$1 = AS 12.90 the United States dollar equivalent of the Austrian schilling proportion represents 89 per cent of the total assessment).

In PBC conclusion 1991/6, the Director-General was requested inter alia to present to the eighth session of the Board details concerning the use of the Tax Equalization Fund especially with regard to the credits assigned to Member States, as well as to present proposals for the texts still in brackets, namely financial regulations 5.2 (e) and 5.3. The report on the Tax Equalization Fund is submitted to the Board under sub-item 11 (g) of the provisional agenda - Financial regulations.

The Board will have before it:

- Programme and budgets, 1992-1993. Revised proposals by the Director-General (IDB.8/8/Rev.1)

- PBC conclusion 1991/6, paras. (b)(i), (c), (f), (g) and (h) on the programme and budgets, 1992-1993 (IDB.8/19, para. 24)

- PBC conclusion 1991/4 on the examination of 15 per cent reserve of total appropriations (IDB.8/19, para. 18)

- PBC conclusion 1991/9 on the application of split-currency system of assessment (IDB.8/19, para. 30)

- A PBC conclusion with recommendations to the Board on the programme and budgets, 1992-1993, emanating from the PBC resumed seventh session (IDB.8/19/Add.1)

(f) Working Capital Fund

Financial Regulation 5.4 stipulates that, upon recommendation of the PBC and subsequently the Board, the Conference shall determine the amount and purposes of the Working Capital Fund.

At its third session, the General Conference decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund should be $9 million, that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the 1990-1991 biennium should remain the same as for the 1988-1989 biennium (see GC.2/Dec.27) and that the advances to the Working Capital Fund should continue to be assessed and paid in United States dollars, as stated in financial regulation 5.5 (d) (decision GC.3/Dec.20).

The Board will have before it:

- Status of advances to the Working Capital Fund as of 15 May 1991 (IDB.8/36) (to be updated during the session)

- Proposals for the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993. Note by the Director-General (IDB.8/7)

- PBC conclusion 1991/8 on the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993 (IDB.8/19, para. 28)

(g) Financial regulations

The Conference at its second session approved the financial regulations annexed to its decision GC.2/Dec.25 with the exception of regulations 5.2 (e) and 5.3 on which no consensus had been reached. Subsequently, by decision GC.3/Dec.21, the Conference at its third session adopted the amendments to financial regulations 4.2 (b) and 4.2 (c) recommended by the Board in its decision IDB.5/Dec.32. (Regulations 5.2 (e) and 5.3, on which consensus has still to be reached, are related to the Tax Equalization Fund and are thus linked with staff regulations 6.8 (c) and (d) which are still under review by the Board.) In respect of these regulations, the Conference requested the Director-General for the time being to continue to apply, in accordance with Article 26.2 of the Constitution, the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, namely the chapeau and subparagraph (e) of regulation 5.2.

As mentioned under sub-item 11 (e) above, at the request of the PBC in its conclusion 1991/6, paragraph (f)(ii), the Director-General will present to the Board a report on the use of the Tax Equalization Fund which will include proposals for financial regulations 5.2 (e) and 5.3.

Following recommendations made by the independent team of experts on the programme and budgets of UNIDO (PBC.5/16 and Corr.2), the Board is submitting to the General Conference at its fourth session for consideration and adoption the additions (c), (d) and (e) to financial regulation 4.1 contained in decision IDB.7/Dec.13.

The Board will have before it:

- Tax Equalization Fund. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/31)

(h) Examination of practice of zero real growth budgets

The General Conference in its decision GC.3/Dec.24 requested the Board to re-examine the practice of zero real growth budgets and to submit a report on that subject to the General Conference at its fourth session. Subsequently, the PBC requested the Director-General to prepare the report concerning the practice of zero real growth budget called for in decision GC.3/Dec.24, taking into account all the views expressed during the sixth session of the PBC, and submit it to the Board at its seventh session.

A report on the subject (IDB.7/28) was submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its seventh session. On that occasion, the Board, in its decision IDB.7/Dec.14, paragraph (1) decided to establish, under the guidance of its Bureau, an informal open-ended consultation group of Member States, to re-examine the practice of zero real growth budgets and report to the Board at its eighth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Programme and budgets of UNIDO: The practice of zero real growth budgets. Report by the Director-General (IDB.7/28)

- Report of the informal open-ended consultation group of Member States on the re-examination of the practice of zero real growth budgets (conference room paper)

(i) Appointment of an External Auditor

In accordance with financial regulation 11.1, an External Auditor, who shall be Auditor-General (or an officer exercising an equivalent function) of a Member State, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period decided by the Conference.

On the basis of recommendations by the Committee and the Board, the General Conference by decision GC.1/Dec.34 appointed the Senior President of the Audit Office of Belgium as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1 July 1986 and subsequently (GC.2/Dec.28 and GC.3/Dec.22) extended that appointment until 30 June 1992.

The PBC recommendations to the Board on the question of the appointment of an External Auditor for the period 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1994 are contained in conclusion 1991/11.

The Board will have before it:

- PBC conclusion 1991/11 on appointment of an External Auditor (IDB.8/19, para. 33)

(j) Industrial Development Fund

In accordance with Article 17 of the Constitution, in order to increase the resources of the Organization and to enhance its ability to meet promptly and flexibly the needs of the developing countries, the Organization shall have an Industrial Development Fund (IDF) which will be financed through the voluntary contributions to the Organization provided for in Article 16, and other income as may be provided for in the financial regulations of the Organization. The Director-General shall administer IDF in accordance with the general policy guidelines governing the operations of the Fund that are established by the Conference, or by the Board acting on behalf of the Conference, and in accordance with the financial regulations of the Organization. Rules governing the financial management of IDF were prepared by the Director-General in accordance with the financial regulations established by the Conference in its decision GC.2/Dec.25. These rules are contained in the Financial Rules of UNIDO (UNIDO/DG/B.74/Rev.1).

The Board, in its decision IDB.4/Dec.30, requested the Director-General to provide information as to the nature of projects financed from the Fund, indicating therein the projects financed from its general-purpose segment as well as information as to the projects financed from its special-purpose segment.

At its seventh session, the Board took note of the proposed programming thrust for 1991 and 1992 (IDB.7/2, chap. II) and decided to delegate authority to the Director-General to approve projects for financing under the Fund in 1991-1992 taking into account the priority areas of the

medium-term plan, 1990-1995 (IDB.7/Dec.10). The General Conference, in its decision GC.3/Dec.25, requested the Director-General to submit periodically a detailed report on the matter to the Board in the annual report. In 1990, pledges to IDF were made during the seventh session of the Board.

The recommendations of the PBC related to IDF are contained in conclusion 1991/10.

To enable the Board to consider the recommendations of the PBC, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary sub-item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- Industrial Development Fund - Estimated resource level and programming for 1992 and 1993. Report by the Director-General (PBC.7/14-IDB.8/11)

- Information on the nature of projects financed from the Fund, contained in the Annual Report of UNIDO, 1990 (IDB.8/10, chap. VIII, paras. 16-21, and appendix H)

- Lists of projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund (IDF) (PBC.7/CRP.1)

- PBC conclusion 1991/10 on the Industrial Development Fund (IDB.8/19, para. 32)

(k) Follow-up of recommendations of the External Auditor for the financial period 1988-1989

The report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO and the Industrial Development Fund for the financial period 1988-1989 (PBC.6/15 and Corr.1-IDB.7/11 and Corr.1) was considered by the Board at its seventh session. On that occasion, the Director-General reported to the Board on the action taken by him in implementation of the observations in the report of the External Auditor, especially with regard to: stricter budgetary control; accounting practice in respect of trade-in of vehicles and equipments items; contracts and purchases; and compilation of accounting and financial procedures by preparation of a manual (IDB.7/11/Add.2). A further report on the subject was submitted by the Director-General to the PBC at its seventh session.

In that context, the PBC in its conclusion 1991/2 addressed recommendations to the Board concerning (a) the manual on financial and accounting policies and procedures and (b) practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement.

To enable the Board to consider the recommendations of the PBC, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary sub-item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will thus have before it:

- PBC conclusion 1991/2 (paras. (d) and (f)) on the follow-up of recommendations of the External Auditor for the financial period 1988-1989 (IDB.8/19, para. 12)

Item 12. Medium-term plan, 1992-1997

In accordance with General Conference decision GC.2/Dec.23, the Director-General is requested to submit to the Board in the first year of each fiscal period, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term plan for the six years that follow the current fiscal period. The draft medium-term plan should be prepared in accordance with the principles mentioned in that decision. Furthermore, in compliance with paragraph (b)(v)d of the same decision, the Director-General should also submit a preview of the biennium 1992-1993 providing a general indication of the human and financial resources required. At its third session, the Conference adopted resolution GC.3/Res.21 concerning the medium-term plan, 1990-1995, and requested the Director-General to take into account that resolution when submitting the draft medium-term plan, 1992-1997.

A draft medium-term plan, 1992-1997 was submitted to the seventh session of the Board together with a preview of the first biennium 1992-1993 and preliminary indicative general ceiling (PBC.6/8, Add.1 and Corr.1-IDB.7/7, Add.1 and Corr.1). In its decision IDB.7/Dec.14, the Board noted the draft medium-term plan for 1992-1997 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.7/7 and Corr.1) with the view that it be further considered by Member States at intersessional informal consultations, under the guidance of the Bureau of its seventh session, in the light of the changing priorities of the developing countries and recent developments in the world economy and in the United Nations system. The Board also requested the Director-General to present to the PBC at its seventh session a revised version of the draft medium-term plan, 1992-1997, and provided specific instructions as to the presentation of that draft. Accordingly, the PBC considered such a revised version submitted by the Director-General (PBC.7/17) and adopted conclusion 1991/5 in which it inter alia recommended that the Director-General submit that document to the Board together with the views expressed by members of the PBC and that the Board, after due consideration, submit it to the Conference for approval. The PBC conclusion also contained a specific request concerning the preparation of the energy programme (see item 5 (g) above).

The Board will have before it:

- Revised draft medium-term plan, 1992-1997. Submitted by the Director-General (PBC.7/17)

- Revised draft medium-term plan, 1992-1997: views expressed by members of the PBC. Compilation prepared by the Secretariat (IDB.8/30)

Item 13. Special trust fund projects

The Board at its sixth session considered a report by the Director-General on programmes and activities financed by special trust funds (IDB.6/16) and a list of projects financed from such funds (IDB.6/CRP.2) and, in its decision IDB.6/Dec.10, addressed a number of requests to the Director-General. In particular, the Director-General was requested to submit for approval, through the Board at its eighth session, to the General Conference at its fourth session

updated and consolidated guidelines on the modalities for the appraisal, management and operation of special trust fund projects, giving due attention to the objectives and priorities identified in the Constitution of UNIDO and the medium-term plan, 1990-1995 (GC.3/17), and the application of the financial regulations, as also requested in IDB.6/Dec.23 paragraph (i) on evaluation of the objectives and functions of UNIDO in view of recent changes and developments in the world (see item 16 below).

The Board will have before it:

- Programmes and activities financed by special trust funds. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/38-GC.4/16)

Item 14. System of Consultations

The "Principles, objectives and characteristics" of The System of Consultations (PI/84) stipulate (a) that the Board shall consider the reports of the Consultation meetings and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, as well as decide and provide guidance on appropriate follow-up action; and (b) that the Board shall decide every two years on the programme of Consultations for the following biennium (ibid., paras. 8 and 20).

Concerning the follow-up of Consultations, the General Conference in its resolution GC.3/Res.2 requested the Director-General to present to the Board the conclusions and recommendations of each Consultation for their examination and approval as well as guidance, as appropriate, on a plan for the technical cooperation follow-up activities carried out by UNIDO.

At its sixth session, in decision IDB.6/Dec.5, the Board approved the programme of Consultations for the biennium 1992-1993 as proposed by the Director-General in document IDB.6/6, chap. I. However, in the light of recent developments, the Director-General will be proposing adjustments to the 1992-1993 programme.

As to the programme for the next biennium, the Board in its decision IDB.6/Dec.5 decided to postpone consideration of possible topics for the 1994-1995 Consultations until the 1992 (ninth) session of the Board while asking the Director-General to consult regional groups as to their priorities regarding the choice of subjects for Consultations in their respective regions.

In that decision, the Board also requested the Director-General to ensure the strengthening of both internal and external coordination in the preparations for, and follow-up to, the Consultations scheduled, as well as to finance on a more secure and foreseeable basis the follow-up activities of the System of Consultations.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO, 1990 (IDB.8/10, chap. III, paras. 1-18)

- Report on the Regional Consultation on Industrial Rehabilitation/Restructuring with Special Focus on the Food-processing Subsector in Africa (ID/373)

- Report on the Second Consultation on the Wood and Wood Products Industry (ID/374)

- Consultations held in 1990 and first quarter of 1991 and plan for technical cooperation follow-up activities. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/21)

- System of Consultations. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.8/22)

Item 15. Progress report on new concepts and approaches for cooperation in respect to industrial development in conformity with Article 2 (c) of the Constitution

The General Conference at its third session adopted resolution GC.3/Res.3 concerning new concepts and approaches for cooperation in respect to industrial development in conformity with Article 2 (c) of the Constitution. While emphasizing the objectives that any new concepts and approaches should pay particular attention to, the resolution requested the Director-General: (a) to continue to include in the medium-term plan 1992-1997 the activities mentioned in the report of the Director-General on the subject (GC.3/27) and mentioned in the resolution; (b) to submit proposals on the new concepts and approaches for consideration and approval of UNIDO governing bodies, taking into consideration the opinions and views of Member States; and (c) in the context of the medium-term plan 1992-1997 to present to the Conference at its fourth session a progress report on the issues raised in the resolution. A report on these issues was submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its seventh session in document IDB.7/15.

Chapters I and II of that document complied with the requests mentioned under (a) and (c) above by analysing the contents of the proposed medium-term plan, 1992-1997 (IDB.7/7) in the context of the issues raised by the General Conference. As mentioned under item 12 above, the draft medium-term plan was revised as contained in document PBC.7/17, thus chapters I and II of IDB.7/15 had to be revised accordingly to reflect the references to PBC.7/17.

Chapter III of document IDB.7/15 complied with the request mentioned under (b) above. The Board, in its decision IDB.7/Dec.14 (para. m) decided to postpone the consideration of that chapter to its eighth session. Since then chapter III has been revised to include the issue of the mobilization of financial resources for industrial development.

The Board will thus have before it a revision of IDB.7/15 contained in the following document:

- New concepts and approaches for cooperation in industrial development in conformity with Article 2 (c) of the Constitution. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.8/39-GC.4/17)

Item 16. Evaluation of the objectives and functions of UNIDO in view of recent changes and developments in the world

In its decision IDB.6/Dec.23, the Board raised a number of concerns related to the subject of this item. The Board inter alia noted that, as a consequence of the recent developments in east-European countries, there had been an increasing demand for technical cooperation from UNIDO for the modernization of the economies and

enterprises of those countries, and stressed that in responding to the new challenges, the primary objectives of UNIDO must be maintained and its operational activities to assist developing countries should not be reduced. Among the actions called for by the Board in that context, the Director-General was requested to ensure that the voluntary contributions he accepts on behalf of UNIDO are consistent with the objectives and policies of the Organization and to prepare an updated and consolidated framework of regulations for the implementation of Article 16 of the Constitution for submission to the Board at its eighth session, as also requested in decision IDB.6/Dec.10 on special trust funds (see item 13 above).

The Board also requested the Director-General to submit a report on the implementation of decision IDB.6/Dec.23, through the Board at its eighth session, to the General Conference at its fourth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Evaluation of the objectives and functions of UNIDO in view of recent changes and developments in the world. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/40-GC.4/18)

- Regulatory framework for the implementation of Article 16 of the Constitution. Note by the Director-General (IDB.8/33)

Item 17. Organizational and staff structure

In its resolution GC.3/Res.27, the General Conference, while taking note of the management review of the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO (IDB.5/9) as well as the findings and recommendations of the Director-General on the management review (IDB.5/9/Add.1 and Corr.1) and the report of the Director-General on the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO (GC.3/33), invited the Director-General to pursue his in-depth study on the appropriate organizational structure of UNIDO in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph (h) of Conference decision GC.2/Dec.22. At the same time, it requested the Director-General to present to the Conference at its fourth session, through the Board, a report on his overall vision of the appropriate organizational and staff structure of UNIDO, including clear terms of reference and functions for the different departments and divisions, taking into account the medium-term plan. It also requested the Director-General to continue to consult, as appropriate, with Member States and, at the request of the President of the Board, to initiate further informal exchanges of views and studies of options for the long-term reform process and optimum staff structure, especially after presentation of the report to be submitted to the Board and the Conference.

Accordingly, the Director-General presented to the Board at its seventh session a report on his overall vision of the appropriate structure (IDB.7/33). The Board, in its decision IDB.7/Dec.23, while taking note of that report, requested the Director-General to continue to update and revise his vision of the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO taking into account the views expressed by Member States and the staff of UNIDO during the seventh session of the Board, as well as to provide his vision of project cycle and management in the proposed structure. The Board also established an open-ended working group under the guidance of its Bureau, to review the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO and report to the seventh session of the PBC bearing in mind Conference decision GC.2/Dec.22 (h), the medium-term plan, and the constitutional mandates of UNIDO.

The PBC considered the report of the Working Group (PBC.7/12 and Corr.1), decided to transmit it to the Board at its eighth session for more detailed consideration, and requested the Director-General to present, through the eighth session of the Board, a report containing the findings of the Working Group and the Board session, and the Director-General's comments concerning the organizational and staff structure, to the General Conference at its fourth session with a view to reaching a decision on this matter (PBC conclusion 1991/12).

The Board will have before it:

- Report of the open-ended working group on the organizational and staff structure of UNIDO (PBC.7/12 and Corr.1)

- Organizational and staff structure. Note by the Director-General (IDB.8/45-GC.4/19)

Item 18. Computerization programme of UNIDO

At its sixth session the PBC, having been presented with a progress report on the computerization programme of UNIDO (PBC.6/CRP.5), requested the Director-General to submit to the Board at its seventh session a more detailed report on the subject (PBC conclusion 1990/2).

Subsequently, the Board considered the report by the Director-General (IDB.7/31 and Add.1) and adopted decision IDB.7/Dec.26 by which it inter alia: (a) requested the External Auditor to examine in depth all aspects of the acquisition of the eletronic data-processing (EDP) system, and to report, in terms of conformity with or departure from financial propriety, procedural responsibility and fiscal management; and (b) established a working group of independent experts funded by Member States to reassess UNIDO's needs regarding computerization from the technical point of view, to examine the contractual aspects of the proceedings, to study the financial options applicable, and to make appropriate recommendations on an EDP system. The Board further requested its President and the Director-General of UNIDO to invite respectively the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to examine the possibility of a joint management and/or use of the installed computer capacities of the Vienna-based Organizations of the United Nations system so as to obtain maximum efficiency and economy. The Board also decided to consider the reports of the External Auditor, the working group and the Director-General on this matter at its eighth session, through the PBC at its seventh session.

The recommendations of the PBC to the Board are contained in conclusion 1991/13. The PBC also

requested the Director-General to take certain actions on which a report will be submitted to the Board as an addendum to the report submitted to the PBC at its seventh session.

The Board will have before it:

- Report to the Programme and Budget Committee on the results of a specific, in-depth external audit examination of the electronic data-processing system acquisition project of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Report by the External Auditor (PBC.7/3-IDB.8/3)

- Comments on the report of the External Auditor on the in-depth examination of all aspects of the acquisition of the electronic data-processing system. Submitted by the Director-General (PBC.7/7-IDB.8/5)

- Report of the working group of independent experts on the computerization of UNIDO (Vienna, 11-14 February 1991) (PBC.7/8-IDB.8/6)

- Findings and recommendations of the consultants appointed in accordance with PBC conclusion 1991/13 (c) (conference room paper to be submitted to the PBC resumed seventh session)

- Computerization programme of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (PBC.7/10-IDB.8/12 and Add.1)

- PBC conclusion 1991/13 on the computerization programme of UNIDO (IDB.8/19, para. 37)

Item 19. Industrial development cooperation and diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

The General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-fifth session adopted resolution 45/196 on the above subject. While reaffirming the role of UNIDO as the coordinating organ in the United Nations system having primary responsibility for promoting and accelerating industrial development and the transfer of industrial technology to developing countries, the General Assembly inter alia recommended that the Administrative Committee on Coordination examine ways and means of fostering United Nations system activities with regard to industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries and report thereon, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session. It also recommended that UNIDO, in close cooperation with the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, make recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, with a view to strengthening effectively industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries.

The General Assembly further decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries" and to include this item subsequently in the agenda on a biennal basis.

The Board may wish to consider proposals for recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly through the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

To enable UNIDO to comply with the recommendations of the General Assembly, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- General Assembly resolution 45/196

- Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.8/32)

Item 20. Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/234, reaffirming its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, called upon Governments of States Members of the United Nations and specialized agencies to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration. It also requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, a report on the steps taken by the Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, as well as by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to fulfil those commitments and policies, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/54. That resolution recommended to the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system that they include in their agenda the question of the implementation of the Declaration and invited them to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1991.

To enable the Board to comply with this recommendation, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- General Assembly resolutions S-18/3 and 45/234

- Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/54

- Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in

particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries. Note by the Director-General (IDB.8/2)

Item 21. Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria and space requirements of the Vienna-based organizations

In accordance with Article 20.2 of the Constitution, "the Organization shall conclude a headquarters agreement with the Host Government". The Board will be informed of the latest developments in this respect.

The Board at its sixth session, having considered a report by the Secretariat on present and projected space requirements of the three Vienna-based organizations (IDB.6/14 and Corr.1), adopted decision IDB.6/Dec.17 in which it endorsed the common position of the Vienna-based organizations and requested the Director-General to continue his consultations with the host Government, as well as with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Office at Vienna, and to present to the Board at its eighth session a further report, which should include recommendations on the financial and budgetary implications of providing adequate Headquarters premises until the year 2000.

To enable the Board to consider his report on the subject, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/34)

- Space requirements of the Vienna-based organizations. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/41)

Item 22. Joint UNIDO/United Nations conference services

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Conference Services and Division of Administrative Services, Vienna (A/C.5/45/30 and 32) and the related comments of the Director-General of UNIDO (A/C.5/45/62 and 63), the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 45/248, section A, part VIII, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the subject (A/45/7/Add.6, paras. 11, 25, 27 and 28). These recommendations provided inter alia, for the submission by the United Nations Secretary-General to the ACABQ at its 1991 spring session and then to the governing bodies of UNIDO and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of specific detailed proposals for the establishment of a common United Nations/UNIDO/IAEA conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) or a unified United Nations/UNIDO service, both of which would be United Nations-administered.

On 15 April 1991, UNIDO received for submission to its governing bodies the report of the Secretary-General on unified conferences services for the United Nations organizations at the Vienna International Centre (A/CN.1/R.1136/Rev.1).

To enable the Board to comply with the recommendations of the General Assembly, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- Unified conference services. Report by the Secretary-General (A/CN.1/R.1136/Rev.1)

- Joint UNIDO/United Nations conference service. Report by the Director-General (IDB.8/43)

Item 23. Joint Inspection Unit

By decision IDB.1/Dec.22 the Board decided to accept on behalf of UNIDO the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) as of 1 January 1986. The Board will be informed of recent JIU activities of relevance to UNIDO.

To enable the Board to consider the reports of the JIU of relevance to UNIDO, the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit in 1990 and early 1991 of relevance to UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.8/42)

Item 24. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Article 19.1 of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the Conference: (a) enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with organizations of the United Nations system other than the United Nations and with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations; (b) establish appropriate relations with non-governmental and other organizations the work of which is related to that of the Organization; and that when establishing such relations with national organizations the Director-General shall consult with the Governments concerned.

Guidelines regarding relations with the organizations mentioned above were established by the Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with organizations of the United Nations system other than the United Nations to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the

Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to accord consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

To enable the Board to consider the latest developments related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations the Director-General is proposing the inclusion of this supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the current session.

The Board will have before it the following document:

- Information on intergovernmental organizations not in the United Nations system. Note by the Director-General (IDB.8/44)

- Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status. Note by the Director-General (IDB.8/14)

Item 25. Preparatory arrangements for the fourth session of the General Conference, including the review of its provisional agenda

In accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.31, the Conference will hold its fourth regular session from 18 to 22 November 1991. In accordance with Article 9.4 of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. The Board considered the subject at its seventh session and decided to refer the list of items contained in its decision IDB.7/Dec.25 to its eighth session for consideration when adopting the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the General Conference.

The Board will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.7/Dec.25 on the provisional agenda of the fourth session of the General Conference

- Preparatory arrangements for the fourth session of the General Conference including the review of its provisional agenda. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.8/37)

Item 26. Provisional agenda for and date of the fourth special session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. However, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Board at its fifth session for the conduct of business and rationalization of proceedings, the provisional agendas for the regular sessions should be drawn up in biennial groups by a special brief session of the Board following the General Conference (IDB.5/Dec.46, annex, paras. 2 and 4).

The Board may wish to consider holding its fourth special session on 23 November 1991, with the following provisional agenda:

1. Opening of the fourth special session

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Adoption of the provisional agenda of the ninth session and consideration of the provisional agendas of the tenth and eleventh sessions

4. Other business

5. Adoption of the report of the fourth special session

6. Closure of the fourth special session

For planning purposes, the Board may also wish to decide on the date of its ninth session. The following dates have been reserved for the policy-making organs of UNIDO in 1992:

(tentative) 18-22 May 1992	IDB - ninth session
(final) 29 June - 3 July 1992	PBC - eighth session
(tentative) 2-6 November 1992	IDB - tenth session

Item 27. Adoption of the report of the eighth session

Item 28. Closure of the eighth session